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IPC 6 G06F13/10

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 6 G06F

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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